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Customer No. 22,852

Attorney Docket No. 3715.0062-01

In re A	application of:	)
Brigitte	e GICQUEL et al.	) Group Art Unit: 1636
Applic	ation No.: 09/855,604	) Examiner: Konstantina T. KATCHEVES
Filed:	May 16, 2001	) )
For:	POLYPEPTIDE NUCLEIC SEQUENCES EXPORTED FROM MYCOBACTERIA, VECTORS COMPRISING SAME AND USES FOR DIAGNOSING AND PREVENTING TUBERCULOSIS	Confirmation No.: 2574 ) ) ) ) )
P.O. E	nissioner for Patents Box 1450 ndria, VA 22313-1450	<b>,</b>
Sir:		Ċ

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

## TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Enclosed is a reply to the Office Action of March 15, 2004. The items checked below are appropriate:

Applicants hereby petition for a two-month extension of time to respond to the above Office Action. The fee of \$420.00 for the Extension is enclosed.

The claims are calculated below:

	Claims Remaining After Amendment		Highest Number Previously Paid	Present Extra	Rate		itional ee
Total	14	-	90	0	x \$ 18	\$	0.00
Indep.	1	•	5	0	x \$ 86		0.00
First Presentation of Multiple Dep. Claim(s) +\$290							0.00
Subtotal							0.00
Reduction by ½ if small entity							0.00
					TOTAL	\$	0.00

	A fee of \$	to cover the cost of the additional claims added by this reply is enclosed.
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- A fee of \$420.00 to cover <u>Petition for Extension of Time</u> is enclosed.
- A check for \$420.00 to cover the above fee is enclosed.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

Dated: August 16, 2004

Kenneth J. Meyers

Reg. No. 25,146



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## **REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION**

Applicants reply to the Office Action mailed March 15, 2004, the period for response having been extended to August 15, 2004, by a request for extension of two (2) months and fee payment filed concurrently herewith.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification appear at page 2.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims at pages 3-7.

Remarks/Arguments begin at page 8.

Attachments to this amendment include Exhibits A-C.